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To: FN-OMB-OIRA-Submission
Subject: OIRA Request for Comments

Hi,

I am leading a team modeling the US population's economic behavior, focusing on financial and energy regulatory issues. We're silicon valley entrepreneurs, and not associated with any lobby, think-tank or branch of the government. Our goals in helping the nation are twofold:

- Provide tools that allow policy makers to evaluate and optimize prospective policies using a virtual population
- Provide a way for the public to understand and contribute to policies

These goals are very much aligned with those stated in Director Orszag's blog post (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/blog/09/03/30/NotYourRegularBlogPost/>):

"As part of OMB's instructions, the President asked us to consider some fundamental questions facing modern government, including how the public should participate in the rulemaking process, how we can expand disclosure and transparency, how to best use cost-benefit analysis; how to address distributional considerations, fairness, and concern for the interests of future generations; how to use the behavioral sciences in formulating regulatory policy; and what might be the best tools for achieving public goals through the regulatory process."

If there is a way that my group can contribute to the effort, We would very much like to do so.

Sincerely,
- Ken Karakotsios

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